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POWER PROGRAMS FEB. 16-17

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1. WE HAVE FORWARDED THE TEXT OF THE CHAIRMAN'S NOTE IN PREPARATION FOR THE NUCLEAR POWER REVIEW ON FEB. 16-17 TO STATE (EB/FSE) AND ERDA (BARANOWSKI) VIA STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL FROM FSE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON, FRIDAY LAST. THIS CABLE PROVIDES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE REVIEW PROCEDURE PROVIDED TO US BY HEGBURG OF THE IEA SECRETARIAT.

2. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUB-GROUP ON ENRICHED URANIUM SUPPLY (HERZIG, UK) IS STRESSING THE NEED FOR COUNTRIES WITH MAJOR NUCLEAR PROGRAMS, I.E. US, UK, CANADA, JAPAN, GERMANY, SPAIN AND SWITZERLAND TO SEND SENIOR OFFICIAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REVIEW. THESE OFFICIALS SHOULD BE ABLE TO SPEAK AUTHORITATIVELY ON ELECTRICITY ISSUES, PARTICULARLY FUTURE FORECASTS FOR DEMAND; NUCLEAR ISSUES, INCLUDING STATUS OF PRESENT AND FUTURE PROGRAMS, AND  
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FINANCING; AND POLICY QUESTIONS SUCH AS ATTEMPTS TO OVER-

COME BOTTLENECKS. THIS WILL PERMIT THE SUB-GROUP TO MAKE A JUDGMENT BASED ON BROADER RATHER THAN NARROWER CONSIDERATIONS. SO FAR ONLY SWEDEN HAS NOMINATED A SENIOR OFFICIAL AND THE SECRETARIAT IS CONTINUING TO PRESS THE MAJOR DELEGATIONS. THE JAPANESE, WHO LAST WEEK RESISTED NOMINATING ANYONE IN SPITE OF SUNAMI'S URGING, ARE RECONSIDERING. THE ORIGINAL GROUNDS FOR RESISTANCE WERE BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS ON TRAVEL FUNDS, ALTHOUGH WE SUSPECT THE JAPANESE WERE CONCERNED OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING SUBJECTED TO A CRITICAL REVIEW OF THEIR 1985 FORECAST, A FORECAST WHICH FEW CONSIDER ATTAINABLE. HERZIG IS CONSIDERING URGING SENIOR LEVEL PARTICIPATION VIA THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN LONDON.

3. IN PREPARATION FOR THE REVIEW THE SECRETARIAT HAS ASSIGNED ONE MEMBER OF THE STAFF RESPONSIBILITY FOR EACH COUNTRY. PAPERS PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE USE BY THE DISCUSSION LEADERS BUT ARE NOT TO BE CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING. IN GENERAL MOST OF THE SECRETARIAT IS SKEPTICAL OF ALL COUNTRIES' 1985 PROGRAMS AND THE GENERAL QUESTIONS BEING DEVELOPED ARE SPECIFICALLY AIMED AT HAVING COUNTRIES DEFEND SOME OF THE MORE GLARING INCONSISTENCIES AND PROBLEMS WITH THEIR PROJECTIONS. FOR THE US REVIEW THERE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE QUESTIONS CONCERNING ELECTRICITY DEMAND FORECASTS, PARTICULARLY AS RELATED TO GNP FORECAST; THE RANGE OF FIGURES SUBMITTED FOR 1980 INSTALLED NUCLEAR CAPACITY; FINANCING AVAILABILITIES; PLANT CONSTRUCTION DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS; AND SITING AND REGULATORY QUESTIONS.

4. HERZIG PLANS TO ARRANGE THE SCHEDULING OF THE REVIEWS

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AT THE MEETING ON THE 16TH. THE ONLY CONSIDERATION SO FAR IS THE SWEDES' DESIRE TO UNDERTAKE THEIR REVIEW AND BE REVIEWED ON THE 16TH. HERZIG HAS AGREED TO THIS. THE US HAS BEEN ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY AS DISCUSSION LEADER FOR THE REVIEW OF THE GERMAN PROGRAM AND EMBASSY BONN MAY WANT TO SUBMIT TO OECD RELEVANT COMMENTS WHICH CAN BE PASSED TO HEBGURG WHO HAS SECRETARIAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE GERMAN PROGRAM. HEBGURG HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE US WITH SPECIFIC QUESTIONS HE DEVELOPS WHEN READY.

5. AT THE PREVIOUS SEUS MEETING THE US PROPOSED INVESTIGATING FORECASTING METHODOLOGY AND WAYS OF TRANSFORMING THESE FORECAST INTO DEMANDS FOR NATURAL AND ENRICHED URANIUM. MOST COUNTRIES PROVIDED LITTLE INFORMATION ON THIS TOPIC AND THE CHAIRMAN DOES NOT INTEND TO PURSUE THIS QUESTION UNLESS, WE SUSPECT, THE US DECIDES TO PRESS FOR IT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS ISSUE COULD BE DISCUSSED AT ANOTHER MEETING FOLLOWING THE SEUS REPORT, PARTICULARLY SINCE VOLUME FIGURES FOR NATURAL AND ENRICHED URANIUM DEMAND HAVE NOT BEEN SUBMITTED BY COUNTRIES. WITH PRESENT PERCENTAGE SUBMISSION IT IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERTAKE ANY ACCURATE ASSESSMENT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FUTURE DEMAND FOR NATURAL AND ENRICHED URANIUM.

6. HERZIG PREFERS TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE SLT WITHOUT COUNTRY CHAPTERS IN PART TO AVOID DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS OVER TEXTS AND AS A STIMULUS TO MORE FRANKNESS ON THE PART OF COUNTRIES BEING REVIEWED. THIS REPORT WILL EITHER BE A GROUP REPORT (WHICH HERZIG PREFERS) OR A CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR WHICH HERZIG HAS INDICATED INITIAL AGREEMENT TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY. THIS QUESTION IS STILL OPEN HOWEVER.  
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